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The Votes Are In! '*Barnyard Song*' Is the Official Book for Michigan Reads!

by Casey Kremers, Communications Office, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

The Library of Michigan recently announced "*Barnyard Song*" by Rhonda Gowler Greene as the featured title for the Michigan Reads! One State, One Preschool Book program, slated for April 2004. The favorite among five titles vying for the top spot in an online poll, "*Barnyard Song*" received 1,056 out of a total 2,690 votes.

"The public had five very worthy books to choose from, and '*Barnyard Song*' is an excellent choice – a fun and entertaining story that really engages young minds," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "Our goal is to get as many little Michiganians as possible mooing and cock-a-doodle-doo-ing along with the book in April.

The winning book was chosen from a ballot of five titles, submitted by the Michigan Reads! book criteria and selection committee, on which the public voted throughout October. The runners-up in this online survey were "*One Dark Night*," by Lisa Wheeler, "*Duck on a Bike*," by David Shannon, "*Kiss Good Night*," by Amy Hest and "*Mama Cat Has Three Kittens*," by Denise Fleming.

"By focusing on a children's book and encouraging a collective reading experience, we hope to highlight the importance of reading to children from the earliest age and the value of families reading together," said Brandau. "We're also aiming to raise awareness of public libraries as a vital learning resource for the quality books, programs and services that foster success in reading and school."

"*Barnyard Song*," a School Library Journal Best Book of 1997, tells the humorous story of what happens to the farm animals' usual "song" when the animals catch the flu. The artwork by Robert Bender blends bright and shaded colors with thick, dark outlines to create the colorful barnyard chorus of animals.

A resident of West Bloomfield, Michigan, author Rhonda Gowler Greene is a former elementary and preschool teacher. Her other books include "*The Beautiful World That God Made*," "*Eek! Creak! Snicker, Sneak*," "*Jamboree Day*," and "*When a Line Bends...a Shape Begins*." More information about Greene is available on her Web site at www.rhondagowlergreene.com.

Governor Jennifer Granholm serves as honorary chair of the Michigan Reads! program, which is co-sponsored by the Michigan Center for the Book and the Library of Michigan in cooperation with libraries around the state. To learn about statewide or local events or partnering and sponsorship opportunities, contact michiganreads@michigan.gov. For more information about the Michigan Reads! program, please visit www.michigan.gov/hal.





I confess: I have the new librarian action figure that has caused such a stir in the library world. She's really cute, but her "action" — bringing a finger to her lips in a shushing motion — is pretty stereotypical. Did I mention she's selling like hotcakes? My fellow librarians, our profession is definitely blessed with a collective sense of humor that is tried and true! Can you imagine an action figure for CPAs or attorneys

being as affectionately received?

Fortunately, I've learned a lot and had memorable moments, enjoying Michigan librarians' special brand of humor! From those who taught me how to show others where Lansing is on the "hand map," to those who laugh with me as I struggle to pronounce names like Dowagiac and Gratiot, there's a lot of good cheer to go around.

Recently, I made my way through northwestern Michigan to visit libraries. On the last stop in Glennie, I was greeted by staff and board members who were dressed to the nines as different mystery-book characters! They served an all-chocolate dessert buffet with various implements of crime (noose, dagger, toy gun, etc.) scattered on the table. Why, of course, in keeping with the mystery theme, it was "death by chocolate." What a hoot!

Last week I was in Kalamazoo where the library had organized the "Great Adult Spelling Bee." It was good-spirited chaos as 18 community groups — from Rotary members to a group of pediatricians dressed as caricatures of themselves — competed against each other for top honors in spelling and enthusiasm, all for the benefit of a literacy program. The highlight was a 6-foot bumblebee (a.k.a. library director Saul Amdursky)!

The point I hope I've made is that the library community is peppered with many remarkable folks with great good humor, from our own Santa Claus (Michael Deller) to the many librarians who keep me rolling in jokes and funny stories. We, indeed, are a jolly bunch. During this holiday season and throughout the coming year's challenges and surprises, let's keep our thoughts and hearts on what is important. Whatever comes our way, it's always taken better with a sense of humor. Remember what master humorist Mel Brooks once said: "Humor is just another defense against the universe." Amen!

Season's greetings,

Christie

Otsego County Library Wins State Librarian's Excellence Award

*by Casey Kremers,
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Left to right: Otsego County Library Assistant Director Jackie Skinner, State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, Otsego County Library Director Maureen Derenzy, Otsego County Library Board of Trustees President Phil Curtiss, Library of Michigan Foundation Executive Director Judith K. Moore

The Library of Michigan Foundation has awarded the 2003 State Librarian's Excellence Award to Otsego County Library for exemplary public service. This prestigious honor, which gives \$5,000 in privately raised funds to one library annually, was presented October 30 at the State Librarian's Luncheon during the Michigan Library Association annual conference at the Lansing Center.

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library, located in Clinton and Macomb townships, and the Munson Medical Center Department of Library Services in Traverse City each received a Library of Michigan Foundation Citation of Excellence.

"Libraries are an integral part of our communities, enriching the lives of Michigan citizens as well as providing access to a world of information and resources," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "The three we recognized this year exemplify the commitment to excellence, innovation and customer service that make libraries so vital."

The Otsego County Library in Gaylord, one of the first libraries in the state to offer Internet access, has been a pioneer in providing technology services such as a Web site with round-the-clock access to the library's catalog and an online community information network, Otsego.org. It has partnered with numerous community organizations to expand services to patrons and has increased literary programming by sponsoring appearances by well-known authors.

The library — which 15 years ago was struggling to provide even the most basic library services — has since increased its materials budget by over 500 percent, added qualified staff, and increased programming in addition to offering innovative technology services. Otsego County Library now far surpasses the state average in terms of public library ratings.

"I have found our library to not only provide new, innovative and outstanding services to all sec-



tors of our community, but they have been a great partner in identifying and developing resources that support our community's economic development. ... The library staff are extremely professional and always focused on serving their customers," wrote Jeff Ratcliffe, executive director of the Otsego County Economic Alliance, in one of the many letters of support that accompanied Otsego County Library's nomination.

Criteria for the State Librarian's Excellence Award, made possible through a grant from the Library of Michigan Foundation, includes: demonstrating that the library provides new, innovative and superior services to its customers in a cost-effective manner, with a can-do attitude and by always delivering promises; demonstrating the library's commitment to high standards of customer service through staff dealings with customers and synergy within the staff through a coordinated approach to supporting customers; and demonstrating that the library is a team player through its collaborations in the community.

The jury panel included State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, Foundation Board Chair Al Zehnder and representatives from the Michigan library cooperatives, Trustees Round Table, Special Libraries Association, Michigan Academic Library Council, Michigan Library Association, Michigan Association for Media in Education, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Townships.



Above, Albert F. Zehnder, President of the Library of Michigan Foundation board of directors



Right, Department of History, Arts and Libraries Director Dr. William M. Anderson



Left, State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau and Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry



The entryway to the Rare Book Room

Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room Opens With Celebration

The Library of Michigan recently celebrated the completion and official opening of the new Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room. Approximately 200 guests, including Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry, legislators and staff from libraries around the state, helped commemorate the occasion at the inaugural celebration hosted by the Library of Michigan Foundation.



Below, guests enjoy a tour of the reading room.

Library Cooperative Quality Services Project Begins

by Martha Seaman McKee, Project Coordinator for Quality Measures, Library of Michigan

On October 3, 2003, a committee whose members represent various types of Michigan libraries began the Library of Michigan's second quality measures project: to establish quality measures for library cooperatives. The process began in the winter of 2002/03 when Michigan's Cooperative Directors Association, seeing the successful results of the first Quality Services Advisory Committee (QSAC), asked State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau to establish a quality measures advisory committee to create the same type of standards for library cooperatives.

"Our library cooperatives provide invaluable services to their member libraries. If we didn't have library cooperatives we'd have to invent them," said Brandau. "I want Michigan's libraries to provide equitable, excellent service to all our citizens. The work of the QSAC for COOPS will help us realize that goal."

Committee members quickly agreed to follow the criteria for quality measures developed by QSAC. (For details, see <http://www.plfig.org/qsac-committee.htm>.) Five subcommittees will work over the coming winter to develop three tiers of standards for library cooperatives:

- **Essential Services:** These standards are the basics of all library cooperative service. They are relatively low-cost standards that every cooperative can and should achieve.
- **Enhanced Services:** These standards are more of a stretch to achieve. They may require more funding.
- **Excellent Services:** These standards call for the highest level of service that can be obtained. They are a stretch for any cooperative and require funding and commitment to superb service at every level.

The five subcommittees created are:

- Governance
- Administration
- Services
- Technology
- Advocacy

All subcommittee recommendations will be published on michlib-l, in *Access*, and via the library cooperatives. Your suggestions and ideas are welcome. Please send them to Martha McKee at the email addresses listed below. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please send them to Martha McKee at mmckee@mi.org or call (517) 241-2697.

Quality Measures for Cooperatives Committee Members:

Representing Academic Libraries

- Judy Bosshart, director, Davenport University (Kalamazoo); Southwest Cooperative
- Charles Hanson, director of library services, Kettering University Library (Flint); Mideastern Cooperative

Representing Cooperative Directors

- Dan Siebersma, director, Lakeland Library Cooperative
- Suzanne Dees, director, Superiorland Library Cooperative

Representing Class I Public Libraries

- Moiria Maus, director, Curtis Township Library; Northland Cooperative
- Grace Strauss, director, Clinton Township Public Library; Woodlands Cooperative

Representing Class II Public Libraries

- Christine Nofsinger, director, Marcellus Township-Wood Memorial Library; Southwest Cooperative
- Betsy Hull, director, Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library; Mideastern Cooperative
- Martha Boetcher, director, Saugatuck-Douglas District Library; Lakeland Cooperative

Representing Class III Public Libraries

- Kate Van Auken, director, Rawson Memorial Library; White Pine Cooperative
- Joan Lundberg, director, Hart Area Public Library; Mid-Michigan Cooperative

Representing Class IV Public Libraries

- Edward Elsner, director, Crawford County Library; Northland Cooperative
- Holly Hentz, director, Hamburg Township Library; TLN

Representing Class V Public Libraries

-Sylvia Marabate, director, East Lansing Public Library; Capital Cooperative
-Mary Cary Crawford, director, Escanaba Public Library; Superiorland Cooperative

Representing Class VI Public Libraries

-Trish Burns, assistant director, Bay County Library System; Mideastern Cooperative
-Josie Parker, director, Ann Arbor District Library; TLN
-Nancy Skowronski, director, Detroit Public Library; TLN

Representing Trustees

-Stephen Harper, Plymouth District Library; TLN
-Gaylord Kurtz, Cadillac-Wexford County Library; Mid-Michigan Cooperative

Representing Special Libraries

-Patricia Wolfram, manager, Health Sciences Library; White Pine Cooperative
-MidMichigan Medical Center

Representing Library of Michigan

-Karrie Waarala, continuing education specialist
-Martha Seaman McKee, quality measures project coordinator

Michigan Libraries Awarded Funds for Broadband Development; Next Round of Funding Coming Up

by Linda Schatz

Through the combined resources of the Reed Act, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the E-rate, all of the Michigan libraries who met the filing requirements were awarded grants to assist in providing broadband capacities for access to the Internet, allowing them to better serve the public. Those libraries receiving funds have agreed to provide certain services to the unemployed in their area. The following 46 libraries received financial support for the project period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004:

Albion Public Library
Bad Axe Public Library
Bayliss Public Library
Benton Harbor Public Library
Blair Memorial Library
Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library
Curtis Township Library
Dickinson County Library
Fennville District Library
Flat Rock Public Library
Forsyth Township Library
Freeport District Library
Garden City Public Library
Gladwin County Library
Hamtramck Public Library
Hazel Park Memorial Library
Hesperia Community Library
Holly Township Library
Howell Carnegie District Library
Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library
Jackson District Library
Lapeer District Library
Lyon Township Public Library
Madison Heights Public Library

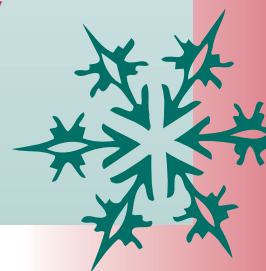
Manchester District Library
Menominee County Library
Montmorency County Public Libraries
Munising School Public Library
Negaunee Public Library
Oak Park Public Library
Otsego County Library
Oxford Public Library
Presque Isle District Library
Reading Community Library
Redford Township District Library
Royal Oak Public (City) Library
Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library
Saint Ignace Public Library
Spies Public Library
Wayne County Library - River Rouge Branch
Wayne Public Library
West Iron District Library
White Pine Library
Willard Public Library
Wixom Public Library
Ypsilanti District Library

In the first year of the two-year project, funds were provided for broadband capacities to main libraries to better assist them in providing services to the unemployed. In the upcoming second year of the project, branch libraries will also be permitted to apply for broadband support.

With the opening of the E-rate application window on November 5, 2003, libraries have begun to plan for how they might be able to upgrade their access to the Internet for the upcoming E-rate funding year beginning July 1, 2004. As part of this planning process, we encourage public libraries to consider seeking Reed/Gates funds for the upcoming funding year. These combined resources can provide a needed jump-start for upgrading services.

In addition, the Library of Michigan has launched a new broadband support initiative to provide technical support to libraries upgrading to broadband connections. The project includes commonly asked questions, links to a wealth of Internet resources, and email discussion lists to help libraries resolve their concerns about broadband upgrades. More information is available from the project Web site at www.michigan.gov/techforlibraries.

More detailed information about the second project year for Reed/Gates funding will be available soon. Plan now to take advantage of these combined funding resources to upgrade your services!



Library of Michigan Board of Trustees Elects New Leadership

by Casey Kremers, Communications Office, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

The Library of Michigan board of trustees today announced the election of Elaine K. Didier as chair and Clifford H. Haka as vice-chair, for terms expiring in October 2004.

Said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau: "The Library of Michigan will be well served with Elaine and Cliff in these leadership roles. Their experience and commitment to the growth and enhancement of library service can only mean good things for libraries in our state!"

Didier, dean of the University Library and professor at Oakland University (OU), replaces Bettina C. Graber as chair. Prior to coming to OU in 1999, she worked at the University of Michigan for nearly 22 years. Didier was appointed to the Library of Michigan board as the representative of the Michigan Library Association (MLA) in 2001. She is past president of MLA and continues to serve on the MLA Board of Directors. Didier earned her B.A., A.M.L.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan and also studied at Oxford University.

In her capacity as chair of the Library of Michigan board, Didier also serves as a member of the Library of Michigan Foundation board of directors.

"It is a great honor to be entrusted with leadership of the LM board," said Didier. "I look forward to working with State Librarian Christie Brandau and her excellent staff, and with Dr. William Anderson, director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, to enhance and support LM leadership and services to libraries and individual citizens across the state."

Director of libraries at Michigan State University since 1997 and on the staff of MSU Libraries for more than 20 years, Haka replaces Didier as vice-chair. He was appointed to the Library of Michigan board in 2002 to represent college and university libraries.

Haka, who has served as a consultant and presenter on library issues for organizations around the country, earned a B.A. degree from Western Illinois University, an M.A. degree from Sangamon State University, an M.L.S. degree from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. degree from the University of Kansas.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity at a critical juncture in the history of Michigan libraries," said Haka. "We are poised to implement cooperative enterprises as never before, and must find a way to persevere in these efforts regardless of budgetary challenges being confronted. This will be the focus of my efforts within this position."

HAL Web Page Now Offers Statewide Library Event Calendars for Both the Public and Library Staff

by Cindy Krueger,
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Department of
History, Arts and
Libraries



There are now two calendars Michigan libraries can use

to promote events – for library staff or for the general public – on the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) Web page.

Activities, Exhibits and Events at Libraries Around the State [For the General Public]

These can be programs such as book signings, reading discussions or special programs, as long as the events are open to the public. Classes will not be included. Story times and children-only events will not be included - please add these events to the MICASE database at <http://www.micase.org>.

Statewide Conferences and Workshops [For Library Staff]

Libraries and library organizations are encouraged to participate and submit their events. This calendar lists professionally related events, such as continuing education opportunities, conferences, workshops, open houses, vendor demonstrations or any other events that are of broad interest to the library community regionally or statewide.

When submitting information for these calendars, please read the instructions first, and be sure to give your complete library address. To find the instructions, visit www.michigan.gov/hal and click on the "For the Professional" button on the left side of the page, then select "Libraries, Librarians, and Media Specialists." The links to instructions for both calendars appear under "Services for Libraries."

You can also find both calendars by going to one Web page at <http://titan.libraryofmichigan.org/cgi-bin/webevent.cgi>.

If you have questions or need to make a change after an event has been submitted, please e-mail Cindy Krueger at ckrueger@michigan.gov.

Genealogical Opportunities During the Holidays

by Kyle Kay Ripley, Reference Assistant, Library of Michigan

The holidays can be a great opportunity for genealogists to gather information. Your visit with relatives could help you glean a wealth of family history information.

To take the best advantage of a family visit, be prepared with a list of questions to ask. Basic tools to prepare include pencils, paper, a camera, pedigree charts and family group sheets. Be brief, no longer than 2 hours, with your interviews. Choose your questions carefully. If an answer is not easily given, don't push.

There are printed materials as well as Internet sources to help you prepare for a family interview. One source that may help you is "Recording Your Family History: A Guide to Preserving Oral History With Videotape, Audiotape, Suggested Topics And Questions, Interview Techniques" by William Fletcher, published in 1986. A videotape titled "Video Reflections: How to Tape and Interview Your Relatives" – produced, directed and written by Dorothy Shapiro and Michael Gold in 1996 – may also be useful. You can find the article "Unique Ways to Record Your History" by Maureen Taylor at www.genealogy.com/genealogy/80_taylor.html. Another online article titled "Getting Nosy with Aunt Rosie," at www.genealogy.com/70_tipsoral.html, provides tips for the types of questions to ask.

If you are the one doing the traveling, you should consider taking an extra day or two to stop at local repositories or places in the hometown where your elders were born and raised. Visit the courthouse and look for birth, marriage and death records. The library or historical society may offer gems of information only they have, like obituary files from the local newspaper or records of members of local asso-

ciations. The church where relatives worshiped may have christening, baptismal, marriage and funeral records. Walk the local cemetery or make arrangements to talk to the sexton and see if you have family buried nearby. Drive by previous schools or homes where your relatives lived and take some photos for your files.

Many families enjoy reminiscing, so your interviews will be welcome. This may make your holiday time with family more enjoyable than ever.

Gale InfoTrac Database Comparison: OneFile, General Reference Center Gold, and Custom Newspapers

by Linda Neely, Library of Michigan, and Margaret Pavelka, Thomson/Gale

Those of us using MeL databases to retrieve citations and full-text articles on general topics may be interested to read about some of the content differences between three major Gale InfoTrac periodical products in MeL: General Reference Center Gold, OneFile and Custom Newspapers.

OneFile is Gale's largest periodical database product, containing 100 percent of the magazine/journal titles that Gale has publication rights to. GRC-Gold has about half of the titles found in OneFile. It doesn't contain as many academic journal titles as OneFile, but GRC-Gold may have full-text for some titles that in OneFile are index only. GRC-Gold also contains a well-rounded collection of reference content not found in OneFile. OneFile and GRC-Gold have newswire content and index several major newspapers. Full text of all newspaper content that Gale has rights to is found in Custom Newspapers.

OneFile	GRC-Gold	Custom Newspapers
9185 total periodical titles	4,064 total periodical titles	No magazine/journal content
2995 full text titles	5,132 full text titles	3909 full text, 163 full text titles
100% of Gale's newswire service content, full text	Some full text newswire content, including Knight-Ridder	Some full text newswire content, including Knight-Ridder
Indexes several major newspapers, but no full text	Indexes several major papers: NYT, Washington Post, etc.	100% of the newspapers Gale has full text rights to 163 titles
No Reference content	17 full text Reference sources, including Columbia Encyclopedia, Merriam Webster's Biographical Dictionary, World Almanac Book of Facts, more	No Reference content

Data from October 15, 2003 Gale Title List

For further information, the Title Lists page at www.gale.com provides full lists of all periodical, newswire and newspaper, and reference titles included in each Gale database.





State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau Receives MAME President's Award for Contribution to School Library Profession

by Casey Kremers, Communications Office, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

The Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) recently recognized State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau with its President's Award. The award, presented during the MAME annual conference in Grand Rapids on October 30, honors an outstanding individual who has made a unique contribution to the profession of school librarianship.

"Christie has a deep and abiding interest in fostering the work of school librarians," said Karen Lemons, president of MAME. "She has ensured the inclusion of school media specialists in the broad spectrum of library activities across the state of Michigan."

Lemons cited several contributions Brandau has made to the school library profession, including instigating and appropriating funding for the Michigan School Library Study, a survey that measured the impact of Michigan school librarians on academic achievement; supporting the work of the Michigan Authors and Illustrators project as it has become an online database housed on the Library of Michigan Web site; and working with members of MAME to address accreditation concerns and to collaborate on numerous Department of Education programs.

"We probably recognize Christie most for her warm, friendly smile; her continual support in words and deeds; her interest in the furthering of MAME and the entire profession," said Lemons. "We thank her for her dedication and inspiration."

"I am truly honored to be given this special recognition by my colleagues in Michigan's school libraries," said Brandau. "School library media specialists play a key role in our children's education, helping them achieve success in school, and I'm proud to lend my enthusiastic support to this vital profession."

A New Era: The Library of Michigan, 1980s to Today

by Casey Kremers, Communications Office, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

In the early 1980s, as the nation's economy struggled, so did the State Library. Under the auspices of the Department of Education (DOE), which like other state agencies saw steadily declining appropriations during the 1970s, the library had to lay off staff and depend on federal funds to sustain basic services.

In 1980, Senator William Faust introduced legislation to move the State Library from the DOE, where he suggested it had suffered because of competition for funding with other educational programs, to the Legislative Council. Despite some disagreement and some debate over the constitutionality of the transfer, the bill eventually passed the Legislature and was signed by Governor James Blanchard in January 1983 to become Public Act 540. Attorney General Frank Kelley upheld the constitutionality of the move later that year.

The new Library of Michigan, modeled after the Library of Congress, became part of the Legislative Council. A 15-member board of trustees now served as the advisory and planning body for the library's future development, and the co-chairs of the Legislative Council provided leadership.

Senator Faust also spearheaded an effort to build a new state-of-the-art building to house the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Historical Center, supported by a strong grassroots movement among library staff around the state. In August 1984, the Legislature approved \$275,000 for the building's design. The plans were approved, and construction began in 1986.

The first major state building since the Capitol designed for public use, the Michigan Library and Historical Center opened on schedule in November 1988. The opening tripled the library's space, united its full collection of books in one place for the first time since the fire of 1951, and gave Michigan the second largest state library in the United States at the time.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, the Library of Michigan introduced many new services and technological advancements, including creating and updating ANSWER, the library's online catalog; implementing an automated circulation module;

and instituting the Michicard program. Internet access first became available at the Library of Michigan in 1993, and the library launched its Web page in 1996.

In 1998, the Library of Michigan unveiled AccessMichigan, the precursor of the current Michigan eLibrary (MeL). A collaboration between the Library of Michigan and many Michigan libraries, the project offered free access to several online databases to all libraries and their patrons. MeL now contains Internet resources screened by professional librarians and \$3 million worth of online encyclopedias, directories, almanacs, electronic books and newspaper and magazine articles. In 2002, it became accessible to Michigan residents 24 hours a day from any Internet connection.

Instrumental in launching the new 24-hour-accessible Michigan eLibrary was State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. Michigan's 39th state librarian, Brandau took the helm of the Library of Michigan in March 2000.

In October 2001, the Library of Michigan became part of the newly created Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). Dedicated to enriching the quality of life for Michigan residents by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage and fostering cultural creativity, the department also includes the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Film Office and the Michigan Historical Center.

An executive order by Governor John Engler in the fall of 2002 transferred the state demographer and census information gathering and reporting functions from the Department of Management and Budget to HAL, specifically the Library of Michigan. These new functions fall under the Library Development and Data Services (LDDS) Division, whose mission is to enhance the quality of library and data services statewide and to support library staff in their ongoing efforts to sustain quality service to Michigan residents. In addition to these new responsibilities, LDDS continues serving libraries around the state in many ways, including providing consultation, support and information on a wide variety of library services to library staff and trustees and coordinating a variety of statewide activities.

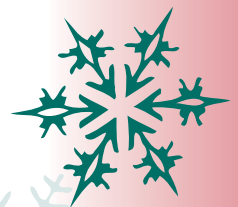
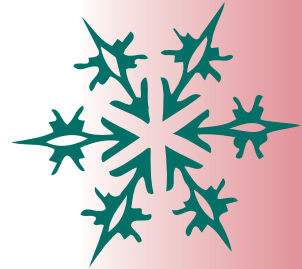
The Library of Michigan launched the Michigan Reads! One State, One Preschool Book program, with Governor Jennifer M. Granholm as honorary chairperson. Taking an innovative approach to the "everybody reads the same book" idea implemented in dozens of cities and states nationwide, Michigan Reads! is unique in that it highlights the importance of family literacy by focusing on a picture book for children ages 0 to 5.

The program is planned for April 2004.

On October 28, 2003, the Library of Michigan celebrated the completion and official opening of the new Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room, an occasion more than 10 years in the making. Designed and constructed entirely with private funding, the room was named in tribute to Michigan's first woman lieutenant governor, Martha W. Griffiths, in recognition of her distinguished career and lifelong commitment to libraries.

Located on the fourth floor of the Library of Michigan, the new reading room and state-of-the-art storage complex are very important additions because they provide the necessary environmental conditions and security for the rare materials. This room will also create an inviting and suitable place for these important research materials to be used by the citizens of Michigan.

Celebrating 175 years of serving Michigan residents, the Library of Michigan looks back with pride on its accomplishments and looks forward with excitement to new developments on the horizon.



Happy Holidays!

From your Library of Michigan Staff!



by Kyle Kay Ripley, Reference Assistant, Library of Michigan

Library Statistics

Michigan Public Library Statistical Reports
http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18894_19664--,00.html

Association of Research Libraries Statistics-Machine
Readable Files
<http://www.arl.org/stats/arlstat/mrstat.html>

Association of College and Research Libraries –
Academic Libraries Statistics
<http://www.virginia.edu/surveys/ACRL/2001/>

Public Library Data Service Statistical Report
<http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/PLA/Publications and Reports/PLDS Statistical Report/PLDS Statistical Report.htm>

National Center for Education Statistics, Library
Statistics Program
<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/>

InMich Statistics
<http://inmich.lib.msu.edu/borrowstatistics.html>

Library Statistics and Measures
<http://web.syr.edu/~jryan/infopro/stats.html>

Wayne State Library System Receives IMLS Leadership Grant

For the second year in a row, Wayne State University was the recipient of a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Wayne State was awarded \$249,433 for "Digital Dress," a partnership with Detroit Historical Museums, The Henry Ford Museum and Meadow Brook Hall. The project will create a Web portal with 5,000 digital images of men's, women's and children's clothing and accessories representing 200 years of fashion.

Wayne State's fashion merchandising faculty will assist in the development of this tool they say will be "a unique resource, representing collections comparable to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Louvre." The library system will host the Web site, allowing it to continue to expand its digital costume collection. For more information about the project, visit

www.lib.wayne.edu/geninfo/units/lcms/dls/grants/ddgrant.php.

Rochester Hills Public Library to Begin New Bookmobile Service

The Rochester Hills Public Library Board recently approved the purchase of a new 31-foot bookmobile, with delivery expected early next summer. The first bookmobile in the library's history, the vehicle is the key component in an expanded effort to bring additional library services to the growing Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township communities. In preparation for beginning service next summer, the library's bookmobile committee will be seeking public input and suggestions for stop locations.

Purchase of the Matthews Super Low Floor Bookmobile will be made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library. The bookmobile, which will be custom designed and outfitted to the library's specifications, will have 160 square feet of usable space and house some 3,000 books and

other items. It will feature a fold-out ramp for easy access, a retractable awning, exterior lighting, and space for a librarian and an assistant/driver. Wiring for future satellite communication will be included, although cell-phone technology will initially be used to connect to the main library.

Crystal Falls Library Moves to New Home After 50 Years

The Crystal Falls Library has moved from the City Hall, its former home of 50 years, to a building of its own down the street. The building was donated to the library, and voters approved a millage proposal of .6 mill for the cost of a 1,260-square-foot addition and renovation. Upon completion of the project, about 50 volunteers helped the library move by walking books down the street. It took about five hours.

The new library has about four times as much floor space, four additional computers for the public, more reading tables, comfortable chairs and a new young adult section. The children's section has doubled in space, and a new meeting room has been added for public use.

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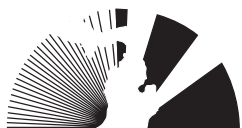
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